Shortage of rooms for Commonwealth Games

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the Commonwealth Games to be played in Delhi during 2010, there is likely to be a shortage of 30,000 hotel rooms;

(b) if so, whether hotel industry will be in a position to provide 30,000 rooms during 2010 especially in view of price auctions from local planning agencies like DDA;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to fill up the gap;

(d) whether there is any other scheme like bed-and-breakfast which will be resorted to in order to partially solve this problems; and

(e) whether any guidelines have been fixed and identification of proposed dwelling units has started?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir, Ministry of Tourism has assessed that there is a shortage of 30,000 hotel rooms in the city of Delhi and the NCR of Delhi for Commonwealth Games 2010.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Tourism is in constant touch with the various Land Owning Agencies like Railways, Ministry of Civil Aviation, DDA, Ministry of Urban Development etc. to identify additional hotel sites. These agencies and the State Governments of the NCR have also been advised to follow investor friendly land policies and a single window approach for promoting hotel projects and also for allotting sites on revenue sharing basis, granting extra FSI/FAR for hotels, permitting extra commercial usage in the hotels etc., so that budget hotels are promoted. All these efforts are in the direction of filling the gap.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.